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the mine was abandoned that it was not
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warrant working it, but because the
much more important seams then being
opened in various places in and around
Nanaimo required the entire attention
of the Company.

The mine has been full of water all
these years, and it will need a good deal
of steady pumping to clear it, and a
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state for resuming active work.

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handling of the coal, being close to the
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pects for a large production from this pit
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considered doubtful whether it will soon
be worked again.

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addition to the New Vancouver Coal
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will amply reward their enterprise in
opening up the old mine. Work will
be pushed on vigorously and the mine
placed in working order as quickly as
possible.

License Granted.

At a special meeting of South Nana-
imo licensing commissioners, held on the
20th instant, as per advertisement in
The Leader, the application of Mr. John
Holloran for a license for the Halfway
House, at the head of Ladysmith Bay,
was granted. The next regular meeting
of the S. N. Licensing Board will be on
December 15th.

Are you a good guesser? If so, come
over to Lively's and try it. We have a
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Stables-Netherby.
In First Presbyterian church, Pandora
Avenue, Victoria, on Wednesday even-
ing, by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Mr.
James Stables, M. P. P. for Atlin, and
Miss Belle Netherby, daughter of School
Inspector Netherby were united in mar-
riage in presence of a large number of
friends. Mr. J. B. Lumsden, Atlin, was
best man, and Miss Vaughan brides-
maid. After the wedding a reception
was held at the residence of the bride's
parents, a very pleasant evening being
spent by all. Mr. and Mrs. Stables left
on Thursday morning by the Chatter
and C. P. R. for a honeymoon visit to
Winnipeg and Eastern Canada. They
will return before Christmas and take
up their residence in Victoria.

FOR MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT.

**Ladysmith Has Now a Literary And
Debating Society.**

Organization was practically complet-
ed at a meeting of the Ladysmith Mut-
ual Improvement Society, held in the
Leader office on Thursday evening, Ven.
Archdeacon Scriven in the chair. Mr.
T. L. Grahame acted as provisional Sec-
retary.

Mr. A. S. Christie reported, speaking
for the School trustees, in reply to a let-
ter from Archdeacon Scriven, that they
were willing to grant the use of one of
the school rooms if the difficulties of im-
movable desk used by the children, and
the necessity of cleaning up after each
meeting the same night could be got
over. The selection of a suitable meet-
ing place was left in the hands of a com-
mittee.

It was resolved to hold meetings twice
a month, and to make the monthly fee
fifty cents, for six months, as the Society
will not work during the spring and
summer. The following officers were
then elected for the year.

Hon. President, Hon. James Dun-
smuir.

President, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven.
Vice Presidents Messrs. Thomas Kid-
die and Hartley Gibborne.

Secretary Treasurer, Mr. T. J. Barron.
Executive Committee, Messrs. Freal,
Christie, Stewart, Marshall and Gra-
hame.

It was resolved to open the sea-
son's debates next Friday evening,
in the pavilion, and that the meet-
ing be open to any of the public
who may be interested. On Fri-
day evening Mr. T. L. Grahame, at the
request of Thursday night's meeting,
will maintain: "That success in life is
mainly due to brute force." The neg-
ative proposition will be strenuously de-
fended by another debater, whose name
will be announced in Wednesday's issue
of The Leader.

Str. Quito, chartered by Laidlaw & Co.
to carry U. S. Government lumber to
Manila, left San Francisco Sunday and
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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A STEP FORWARD.

Some extra superfine people affect to stand afar off and sneer at the efforts of a few fervent souls who try to lick things into some sort of shape. If the project is successful these superior beings come in with the applause, and not infrequently claim the whole of it as their own meed. If dismal failure overtake the enterprise they are ever ready with their raven croak, "I told you so." For our sins are we fretted with such specimens of weak humanity. Now, Ladysmith has launched a nice little literary and debating society, and the small band of sanguine pilgrims who have done the pioneer work are just wondering whether it will "go" or not. It should if there be anything at all in the deep sighs and intensely-expressed longings of many to whom we have spoken on the subject; that they wished something of the sort would be formed in Ladysmith for this winter, to give the intelligent young men a chance to pulverize one another with the club of logic and carve up their opponents with the hip-joint knives of argument and rhetoric.

Now the opportunity is here and next Friday evening the intellectual "mill" will be opened for the season. Seriously speaking, though we do not know of anything which should prove of more sterling value to the young men of this town who really want to improve themselves, and we hope that the Society will meet with the success which its efforts to provide rational entertainment here desert.

Copious seasonings of salt are earnestly recommended to the general public in swallowing the political forecasts and other fearful and wonderful exports of the Victoria correspondent. His guesses have been all blanks lately.

Japan, according to the truthful newspaper correspondents of San Francisco is going to send representative vessels of its navy to the Esquimalt station. Will the chrysanthemum Jackies be charged the usual Mongolian poll tax when they and to dissipate their pay?

Even a multi-millionaire cannot stee clear of unsanitary cooking. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has eaten something at a continental hotel which has created strained relations in the Department of the Interior. It is not often that the playful ptomaines select the alimentary canal of so eminent a gent as Mr. Carnegie for a recreation ground, but they always were such chummy little chaps.

Events of momentous import to the future of the Island are afoot. This portion of the province seems now to be on the eve of a grand era of energetic development and of unexampled progress. Ladysmith will certainly share in the prosperity, and be a centre of great importance. Owners of property here need have no qualms.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW.

A horse has been known to jump thirty-seven feet in a steeplechase.

There are sixty Irish peers who are not entitled to seats in the House of Lords.

The British Empire is 40 times as large as Germany and her Colonial dependencies.

Quito, in South America, is sinking faster than any other city. It stands now 80 feet lower than it did in 1780.

An acute musical ear will detect or elight a difference in tone between two notes as the one 64th of a semi-tone.

The specie strong-room of an ocean liner is usually 16 feet long, 10 feet wide and 8 feet high, and formed of 1/2-inch steel plates.

THOUGHTS FOR TO-DAY.

It is while you are resisting little temptations that you are growing stronger.

It is while you are patiently toiling at the little tasks of life that the meaning and shape of the great whole of life dawns upon you.

No man has come to true greatness who has not felt, in some degree, that his life belongs to his race, and that what God gives him is given for mankind.

If there is any-one power in the world that will make itself felt, it is character. There may be little culture, slender abilities, no property, no position in Society; yet if there be a character of sterling excellence, it will demand influence and secure respect.

MEMS FOR WOMEN.

Sashes are used on ball dresses, with good effect. The sash may or may not encircle the waist, but if it does so it should be brought well down in front. The back portion consists of one width of tulle or chiffon, knotted at intervals and hemmed at the edge. When tulle is employed it is as well to finish it off with a wide hem and two or three tucks to give it extra firmness.

Bodices are so diverse in fashion that a clever couturiere is enabled to suit the most exacting figure, and arrange trimmings in the most becoming fashion. The blouse style still prevails, but the blouse distinct in colour and material is only worn with the coat and skirt for country and morning wear. The evening blouse is still fashionable, but, although the material may differ, the colouring must correspond.

Tasseled trimmings are used even on hats, and a tordor shape of velvet or smooth felt, with a rough felt edge or a velvet band, may be trimmed with a heavily-fringed scarf, a twist and bow of ribbon on the edge, and finished off with chenille "hobs," or a couple of pompoms of chenille net-work, with a deep "bobble" fringe. All the hats are very flat, and wings, paradise plumes, and brush osprey are used to lighten their pancake-like appearance.

The sac or kimono shape is fashionable for evening coats, and is most effective in lace over satin, with a quilted lining of pale-coloured silk. The dinner coat of chine taffeta, much enriched with lace, a soupcon of velvet, and tiny jewelled buttons, is a favourite in Paris and Vienna, and many lovely models have been prepared for foreign watering-places and country house visits. A skirt of lace or net is much in favour with these coats, or a limp, clinging skirt of white or pale-coloured cloth, daintily strapped with taffeta to correspond.

Lost His Wife And Money.

Ekioko, a Japanese resident of Ladysmith, is mourning the loss of his wife and \$30, both pieces of property having been feloniously appropriated by Takabashi, Jap cook on a ship now lying at Chemainus. Ekioko knew not the crafty nature of the cook, or he would have forbidden him his home. When Ekioko's back was turned the blandishments of Takabashi were too much for Madame Ekioko, so taking thirty dollars of her husband's money to defray necessary expenses on the pilgrimage she and Takabashi fled to parts unknown. Ekioko telegraphed to Victoria but without avail. He went up to Nanaimo on yesterday's train to hunt for the misbegotten young people. He says if he can get back the \$30 he will make Takabashi a present of the wife; thus showing the refined cruelty of the Japanese in revenging themselves on an enemy.

Dr. T. Glendon Moody, Dentist, will return to Ladysmith Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. Dr. Moody will make regular visits to Ladysmith, Office at Nicholson's Hall, Victoria office, Old Postoffice building.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CONCERT

Very Successful Entertainment By The Choir.

There never was a better concert given in Ladysmith than that which took place in First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening last; nor has a finer or more representative audience ever been gathered together on any occasion than that which occupied every seat in the spacious church that evening. The concert was under the auspices of the choir, and the greatest credit is due to them for the excellence of their arrangements, while they are to be heartily congratulated upon the gratifying success of the entertainment.

Mr. T. L. Grahame occupied the chair, and in opening the concert briefly outlined the purposes for which the concert was given, stating that it was the concert which should have been given last June, but was not owing to the magnanimous conduct of the church managers, who generously postponed their own concert to enable the cemetery commissioners to give theirs.

Miss Bertram then opened the programme by a brilliant and dashing interpretation upon the pianoforte of "The Bluebells of Scotland," with variations, which were skilfully executed, and earned for the talented lady a hearty round of applause.

Mr. Jesse Evans the gifted young Welsh tenor, then delighted all with his splendid singing, although suffering from a cold. Later in the evening he sang again with equally marked effect the lovely old ballad, "The Banks of Allan Water," for which he was generously rewarded with well-deserved expressions of approval.

Miss John next introduced a novelty in Ladysmith concerts, an autoharp solo, which was a charming item on the programme, and quite captivated the audience.

Then came another great treat for Ladysmith music-lovers, in the fine singing of Mrs. George Williams. This was Mrs. Williams' first appearance on the concert platform in Ladysmith, and the lady received ample assurance that she had quite won the admiration of all. Mrs. Williams' voice is a very rich mezzo-soprano, and gives plenty of evidence of careful cultivation. It was unfortunate that the first song she essayed was not suited to the pitch of the instrument, and had to be abandoned, but the substitute more than made up for the disappointment. It was Scottish lilt, and Mrs. Williams may be cordially congratulated upon the excellence of her Scotch accent. The song completely took the audience by storm, and proved Mrs. Williams to be one of the sweetest and most accomplished singers on the island. At the close of the concert one could hear the wish strongly expressed that Mrs. Williams would often be heard in Ladysmith concerts. Mrs. Williams was also very fortunate in having as accompanist so exceptionally accomplished a pianist as Mrs. W. A. Aubin.

Miss Katie Johnston, the charming young reciter of Nanaimo, needs no press introduction to a Ladysmith audience. Scidom has anything more sweet and graceful and clever been heard here than Miss Johnston's recitation of "Billy's Rose." One can safely predict for this highly gifted young lady a brightly successful career. Her dramatic action is really quite out of the common for one so young.

Messrs. Thomas, Evans, Roberts and Ballest, Ladysmith's male quartette, then sang with splendid effect; it was a revelation to many in the audience that Ladysmith possessed so strong a musical combination.

Mrs. W. Thompson's vocal solo was greatly enjoyed, and was given with the power and expression for which the lady enjoys so enviable reputation.

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Another surprise to the large and critical audience, numbering amongst it many fine pianists and many who know thoroughly what good music is, was the piano playing of Miss Vicky Gibson, of Nanaimo. The piece strongly resembled one of those difficult, but melodious compositions hailing from Poland or Hungary, the home of the wild free music, which has been so attractive to musical genius of the highest order; music in which Chopin dreamed and evolved exquisite things for immortality; in which Liszt found the fullest field for the exercise of his extraordinary powers; music which, interpreted by Paderewski, Rosenthal, Kubelik and Kontski has sent countless thousands into rhapsodies that took them nearer heaven than many of them will ever reach again—probably. Miss Gibson displayed a technique and understanding of the music which are very unusual in young students, and it is easy enough to predict that if she persevere along the hard road to the stars, she is tolerably certain to achieve much in the musical world. Later in the evening Miss Gibson delighted the audience again.

Mr. David Roberts is a Ladysmith favourite, and his song on Tuesday evening only added to the high opinion in which his talents as a singer are held here. His encore, a comic ditty, "If she'd but be mine," was much enjoyed. An anthem by the full strength of the choir, "Onward Christian Soldiers," revealed a power and training that must have astonished all who had not had the privilege of hearing this excellent organization before. Undoubtedly First Presbyterian choir is one of the best in the province.

Mr. G. Morton Walker then addressed a few remarks to the audience, inviting them to attend Sunday evening service at the church, when special music was always provided. He cordially thanked all for their presence.

The chairman then in the name of the choir and managers, thanked the audience for their attendance, and assured them that this was only the first of a series of concerts which would be of equal or superior merit to this, to be given throughout the winter.

The concert closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

It is understood that a very handsome sum has been realized from the concert for the choir fund.

Miss Herd, organist of the church, acted as accompanist at piano and organ, and contributed her full share to the evening's enjoyment.

Serious Stabbing Affray.

In one of the Finn houses near the back of the town on Thursday night a serious cutting affray took place, two Finlanders being severely gashed with the knife. It was alleged at the preliminary hearing held before Magistrate Thomson at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon that Hermann Makki stabbed Otto Makki during the brawl. Otto was cut across the stomach and side, had his clothes slashed; while Hermann had a deep stab in the thigh, inflicted, it is supposed, when Otto seized his wrist and turned the knife aside. It was expected that the accused would be committed for trial.

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THE STRIKE.

In the morning, when the workmen arrived at the shop, they found it cold and black with the sorrow of ruin. At the end of the great hall the machine with its thin arms and motionless wheels stands dumb, lending a still more penetrating sense of desolation to the room which, until then, had resounded with the cheerful clatter and whirling noises of the big machine, throbbing like the heart of the mill.

THE MASTER COMES DOWN

from his little office and says sadly to the workers—

"My men, there is no work—to day—there are no more orders; instead, I am receiving countermands on every side, and all the merchandise will be left upon my hands. This December, the month of such heavy work in other years, and upon which I had counted so much, threatens to ruin the strongest concerns. We shall have to suspend."

And as he sees the workmen looking at each other with fear in their eyes of returning empty-handed to their homes, a fear of hunger on the morrow, he adds, in a lower tone—

"I am not selfish, no, I swear to you that I am not. My situation is as terrible, even more terrible, perhaps, than yours. I have lost fifty thousand francs in less than a week. I am stopping the work to-day so as not to deepen the gulf, I have not the first sou towards my bill of the 15th. You see I am not hiding anything from you; I speak to you as a friend. To-morrow perhaps, the bailiffs will be here. That is not our fault, is it? We have struggled, to the very end. I have wished, from the bottom of my heart, that I could help you over this hard time; but the end has come, I have lost everything, and I have no longer any bread to share."

HE HOLDS OUT HIS HAND.

The men shake it silently, and for some moments remain there looking at their useless tools, their hands clenched. Every other morning the files had sung and the hammers had sounded rhythmically, and now it seemed as though all that were sleeping in the dust of failure. There were twenty, there were thirty families, who would not have anything to eat during the following week. Some of the women who work in the mill wipe away the tears from the corners of their eyes. The men try to look more firm. They speak bravely, saying that one does not die of hunger in Paris. Then, when the master leaves them, and they see him walk away, bent and stooping within eight days, crushed by a disaster perhaps greater than he will tell them, smothering in that room, they go out, one by one, their throats choked and their hearts cold with sorrow, as if they were leaving a chamber of death. The dead in their work, the huge, dumb machine whose skeleton is ghastly in the shadows.

II.

The workman is outside, in the street, on the pavement. He has tramped the sidewalk for eight days without being successful in finding work. He has gone from door to door, offering his arms, offering his hands, offering his whole body for any work, even the most revolting, the hardest, the most deadly. Every door is shut.

THERE IS NOTHING, NOTHING.

Then the workman has offered to work at half price. The doors will not re-open. He would work for nothing if they would only take him on. It is the strike, the terrible strike that is tolling the knell of the garrets. The panic has stopped all the industries, and money, cowardly money, is hidden fearfully away.

At the close of eighth day the end has indeed come. The workman has made one last, supreme effort, and now he is coming slowly back, his hand empty, bowed with misery. It is evening, and the rain is falling heavily; Paris is fun-

ereal in the mud. He walks beneath the heavy shower without noticing it, feeling only his hunger, loitering, that he may reach home less quickly. He leans over the side of one of the bridges of the Seine, the rising water rush by with a continual noise and the spurts of white foam break against the piles of the bridge. He leans further over, the mighty flood passes underneath him, throwing him a furious appeal. He draws himself up and turns away, muttering that he must be strong a little longer.

The rain has stopped. The gas blazes in the jeweller's windows. If he could break the glass, he would seize bread enough in one handful to last for years. The restaurants are lighting up, and behind the curtains of white muslin he can see the people eating. He hastens his step, he goes along the street once more, in front of the butcher's, and the cook's shop and the baker's, in front of all greedy Paris who feasts in the hour of famine.

When the wife and the little one wept that morning.

HE PROMISED TO BRING THEM BREAD

that night. He dares not to go home just yet and say that he lied. And while he walks, he asks himself how he will return, what he will say to make them patient a little longer. They cannot go many more days without eating. He, he can do very well without food, but the wife and the little one are too weak.

For an instant, the idea of begging comes to him. But when a lady or a gentleman passes beside him and he thinks of stretching out his hand, his arm stiffens at his side, and his throat tightens. He remains rooted to the sidewalk, while the properly clad people turn away from him, believing him drunk as they look upon the ugly face of starvation.

III.

The workman's wife, leaving the little girl asleep, has come down stairs to the threshold of the door. The woman is very thin and clad in a gown of printed calico. She shivers in the icy breezes of the street.

She has nothing more in the house; she has carried everything to the Mont-de-Piété. Eight days without work are enough to strip the little house. The night before she sold the last handful of wool in her mattress to an old clothesman, the mattress itself has gone now; there is nothing but the cover left. She has hushed that on a book before the window to keep out some of the cold blasts for

THE LITTLE GIRL COUGHS PAINFULLY.

Without saying anything to her husband, she too has looked for work. But the strike has struck the women even more heavily than the men. At her stairhead there are poor unfortunate women whom she heard weeping the whole night through. She met one standing at the corner of the street, one is dead and another has disappeared.

Happily for her, she has a husband who does not drink—a good man. They would be comfortable if the dead seasons has not despoiled them of everything. She has exhausted her credits, she owes the baker, the grocer, the fruit man, and she no longer dares even to pass by their shops. That afternoon she had been to borrow twenty sous of her sister, but there, also, she found such misery that without saying a word she began to weep, and together with her sister she wept for a long time. And when she went away, she promised to bring her a morsel of bread if her husband came back with some.

THE HUSBAND DOES NOT RETURN.

The rain is falling heavily: she takes refuge under the door, the big drops splash at her feet, a stream of water wets her thin dress. At intervals, seized with impatience, she goes down the steps, in spite of the heavy shower, and runs away

to the end of the street, to see if she cannot somewhere in the distance catch a glimpse of him for whom she is waiting. And when she comes back she is soaked through. She rubs her hands over her thin hair to dry it, and again settles down patiently, though she is shaken by heavy fits of fever.

The coming and going of the passers by jostles her. She tries to make herself very small, so as not to trouble any one. Some of the men peer closely into her face, and sometimes she feels a warm breath touching lightly her neck. All of suspicious Paris, the street with its mud, the brilliant lights, the rolling carriages, seem to wish to take and throw her into the seam of it all. She is hungry. She belongs to the whole world. In front of her is a bakery, and she thinks of the little girls upstairs asleep. Then, when her husband appears at last, veering away from the houses like a poor wretch, she rushes to meet him, and

LOOKS ANXIOUSLY AT HIM.

"Well!" she stammers. He does not answer, but bends his head even lower. Then, pale as death, she mounts the stairs.

IV.

Upstairs the little girl is not sleeping. She has waked up and is thinking, watching, the end of the candle as it flickers on a corner of the table. No one knows what monstrous, heart-breaking shadows sweep across the face of this little girl of seven years, with the serious, withered features of an old woman.

She is sitting on the edge of the box which serves her as a bed. Her feet hang down shivering, her sickly, doll-like hands are holding against her breast the rage that cover her. She feels a burning there, a fire that she would like to put out. She is thinking.

She has never had any playthings. She could not go to a school because she did not have any shoes. When she was very little, she remembers how her mother took her out in the sunshine. But that was long ago. They had to work, and after that it always seemed as if there were a cold wind blowing in the house. She has not felt very comfortable, either:

SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HUNGRY.

She has thought a good deal about that, but she cannot understand. Is everybody always hungry, then? She has tried very hard to get used to it, but she has never been able to. She thinks she is too little, that one must be bigger to understand. Her mother knows, though, this strange thing that is hidden from little girls. If she dared, she would ask her who it was put you into the world to be hungry.

Then, too, it is homely in their house. She looks at the window where the empty cover of the mattress flaps in the wind, at the bare walls, the broken furniture, all the shame of the attic which the strike soils with despair. In her ignorance she thinks she has dreamed of warm rooms, filled with beautiful things that shone; she shuts her eyes again to see them, and through her thin eyelashes the light of the candle becomes a great resplendence of gold, into which she would like to go. But the wind comes blowing in, and there is such a current of air from the window that she is seized with an attack of coughing, and when it is over her eyes are filled with tears.

She always used to be afraid before, when they left her all alone, now she does not care, it doesn't make any difference. They haven't eaten anything since last night, so she thinks her mother has gone out to look for some bread. The idea amuses her. She breaks her bread in small pieces and eats a few slowly, one by one, then she plays with it.

Her mother has come back, father has shut the door. The little girl looks at their hands, very surprised. Then, when they do not say anything, at the end of a long moment, she repeats in a mechanical voice:—

"I'm very hungry, I'm very hungry."

Her father, holding his head between his hands,

SITS IN A DARK CORNER

he stays there, utterly crushed, shaken with heavy silent sobs. The mother, stifling her tears, again puts the little one into the box. She covers her with all the clothes in the room and tells her to be good and go to sleep. And the child, whose teeth are chattering with cold, who feels the fire in her breast burning stronger, becomes very brave. She puts her arm around her mother's neck and whispers softly:—

"Tell me, mamma, why are we always hungry?"—Ruelle Zola.

SUNDAY - NOTICES.

Catholic Church—Services every Sunday as follows: Mass at 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Benediction at 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian—Nov. 16, morning service at 11, Sunday school 2.30, evening service 7. Subject, "Why I believe in the Bible."

G. MORTON WALKER, Missionary.

Methodist Church—Rev. W. G. Tanner, B.A., pastor. Sunday: 11 a.m. Sabbath School. Evening service 7 p.m.

Church of England—November 23rd—Sunday next before Advent. 11 a.m.—Matins and Litany. 2.30 p.m.—Sunday School. 7.00 p.m.—Evensong. A. SCRIVEN.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

Association Football.

On the bunker grounds which, through the kindness of Mr. Robert Bryden, have been specially cleared off for the occasion, the Cowichan team and the Ladysmith Leaders will meet in the return match this afternoon at 1.45 sharp. The Cowichans are much stronger this time than when they met and were defeated by the Leaders a week ago. The game will be a warm one and well worth seeing. Ladysmith team will line up as follows:

Goal, T. Leahy, full backs T. O'Connell, Jas. Adams, half backs C. McMillan, J. Eno, J. Campbell, forwards R. McMillan, W. Manuel, A. Morrison, W. Clark, T. Barnes, reserves A. Kerr, J. Blakley, referee Jas. Haddow.

Amateur Boxing Champions.

Victoria Athletic Club is doing good work in the way of reviving the fine old sport of clean and sportsmanlike amateur boxing, and the club is to be congratulated upon its success in that direction. Even amateur boxing in this province had fallen into something more than disrepute owing, doubtless, to the unseemly conduct of some of those who pretended to be devoted to its interests.

Thanks to the determination of the club to resuscitate the sport and place it on a proper footing amongst the many pastimes popular with the young men of the province, and assisted by the patronage of a number of gentlemen who recognize in boxing, properly conducted, a splendid corrective to the nambypambyism which threatens to overwhelm our young men and render it imperative that they should adopt petticoats, and face powder, boxing is coming to its own again amongst the youth of British Columbia.

On Wednesday evening last contests to decide the amateur championships of the province took place in the gymnasium of the Victoria Athletic club, in presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering of admirers of amateur sport. The contests were all capital exhibitions of the manly art, and the gentlemen entitled to call themselves champions of the province for one year are:

Feather and Mr. Warburton Pike's challenge cup, Mr. Ted Bailey, Victoria. Light & Mr. G. Gillespie's cup, Mr. A. Jeffy, Victoria.

Welter Mr. A. J. Raynton. Middle & Victoria Athletic Club's cup, Mr. Frank Stevenson, Victoria. Heavy, and Mr. Olive Philipps Wolley's cup, Mr. W. E. Fisher, Victoria.

Hill of the Royal Navy won the heavyweight championship of the Pacific station after a fine contest with Metcalf. Mr. Olive Philipps Wolley and Dr. Baker of Salt Spring Island were the referees, assisted by Messrs Shade and W. E. Fisher as judges. Captain Langley acted as manager and Mr. C. A. Bury as timekeeper.

Ten Eyck Was Vulgar.

A prominent oarsman speaking on the reason of the refusal of Ten Eyck's entry by the Henley stewards said this morning that the question of fear of the American's prowess never entered into the matter at all. The stewards always reserve the right to reject any entry without giving any reasons for so doing, and they simply exercised that right. The real reason for the turning of the American down arose from his associations of the year before. Instead of putting up at a respectable hotel, according to the English idea of what an amateur and a gentleman should do, he took up his quarters among the watermen and made associates of them and professional oarsmen. This, he said, was the real reason for the rejection of the American's entry. There was nothing against his amateur standing.

PERSONALS

Hon. James Dunsenmuir passed through Ladysmith on Wednesday on his way to Wellington, accompanied by Mr. Dan Mann, of McKenzie & Mann, Mr. Joseph Hunter and Mr. Courtney. They returned the same day.

Miss Katie Johnson and Miss V. Gibson, of Nanaimo, who took part in the concert in connection with First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night, left for home on Wednesday's train.

Miss Birdie Forcimer visited friends in Nanaimo on Wednesday.

Mr. G. Fletcher, of Nanaimo, paid Victoria a visit on Wednesday.

Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, went down to Victoria on Wednesday to attend the wedding of Mr. Stables, M. P. P., and Miss Netherby, daughter of Inspector Netherby.

Mr. E. M. Yarwood, of Nanaimo, was a passenger to Victoria on Wednesday. Mr. Vyvyan Walkem and bride returned home on Saturday from Victoria, where their honeymoon was spent.

Mr. F. McB. Young paid a business visit to Ladysmith Thursday morning. Messrs. B. Forcimer of Ladysmith, and George Fletcher, of Nanaimo, returned home from Victoria Thursday.

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YOUTH.

Philip James Bailey.

I speak unto the young, for I am of them And always shall be, What are years to me?

Oh for the young heart like a fountain playing! Flinging its bright fresh feelings up to the skies

It loves and strives to reach—strives, loves in vain;

It is of earth and never meant for Heaven, We laugh at love, and make a jest of Hell,

While we fear each, and seek. The sphinx like heart,

Consistent in its inconsistency, Loathes life the moment that life's ride is read;

The knot of our existence is untied And we lie loose and useless. Life is had; And then we sigh and say, Can this be all?

It is not what we thought—it is very well—

But we want something more—there is but death!

And to die young is youth's divinest gift—

To pass from world fresh into another Ere change hath lost the charm of soft regret,

And feel the immortal impulse from within

Which makes the coming, life—cry always, on!

And follow it while strong—is Heaven's last mercy,

The firefly only shines when on the wing;

So it is with the mind; when once we rest,

We darken. On! said God unto the soul

As to the earth for ever. On it goes, A rejoicing native of the infinite—

As is a bird of air—an orb of heaven.

Just a Case of Soap.

A poet there was and he wrote his rot. Even as you and I;

And he thought that the stuff he wrote was hot,

Even as you and I;

But his fortunes failed and his luck was tough,

For the editors sent him back his stuff,

Which the poet thought was right down rough,

Even as you and I.

Oh, the ink we waste and the think we waste,

And the shocking ill luck we know Before we can write the things that are right

That brings in the good old dough!

But the poetry man he plucked up hope, Even as you and I;

And he wrote many "ads" for a new kind of soap,

Even as you and I;

And now he resides in a palace so grand, Has money and jewels and wealth at command,

And dines each day on the fat of the land. Even as you and I.

A moral you'll find in this little grind, In magazine verse is no hope;

You've got to fly low if you rake in the dough,

You must write all your sonnets of soap.

—Chicago Chronicle.

The British Columbia Cold Storage Company is arranging to charter a steamer to carry 2500 tons of wheat from British Columbia to Australia. So far as known, this will be the first cargo of wheat to be shipped to Australia from Canada.

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WM. ROLSTON, W. M. E. A. HUGGARD, Sec.

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